

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EFFECT OF TSUNAMI ON FISHING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the loss suffered by Indian Industry due to Tsunami has been quantified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to revamp the industry;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the damage suffered by fishing industry due to Tsunami;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to meet the marine export commitments during the current fiscal year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): Approximately 68,000 traditional boats / mechanised boats; 2 lakh fishing nets; and 5700 hectares of aqua farms have been lost/damaged by Tsunami. Apart from these, Tsunami has also rendered thousands of fishermen homeless. Government has been taking necessary steps to build up infrastructure facilities. Further, the Government through MPEDA has been implementing a number of schemes to boost the exports of marine products. These schemes include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; marketing support; etc.